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Madrid, April 6. N. S.

THE new Levies in this Kingdom are continued with great Application, and it is said above 14000 Men are already raised; besides which the King of *Spain* expects that each Village of his Kingdom shall fit out and maintain one Soldier for his Service. Orders are given for paying divers Sums of Money, to be employed in fortifying *Corunna*, and several other Ports in the Provinces of *Galicia* and *Andaluſia*. Remittances are also made to the Governor of *Milan*, and the Duke of *Bedmar* in the Low Countries, for paying the *Spaniſh* Forces in those Parts, as also to the Elector of *Bavaria*. In the mean time the Diſſatisfaction of the *Spaniſh* Grandees is not to be expreſſed, who, instead of having their Grievances redreſſed, and of being restored to the Credit they formerly had at Court, meet daily with new Mortifications from this Government. A *French* Veſſel was lately seized at *Corunna* by the Officers of the Customs there, which had on board 16000 Pieces of Eight, that were brought from the *West-Indies* in the Fleet which was destroyed last Summer at *Vigo*, and were never regiſtred; And this Court is not without a Suſpicion that there is more of this Money in private hands.

Ratisbonne, April 23. A Body of 3000 Bavarian Foot advanced on the 21ſt Inſtant into the neighbourhood of this Place, and marched this day towards Donauwert. They are ſhortly to be followed by a Body of Horſe; and it is said moſt of that Elector's Forces are to move the same way, in hopes of joining with the French Forces under the Marſhal de Villars. We hear, that the Elector is now at Munich, somewhat indiſpoſed. The Count de Stirum continues encamped before Amberg, and the Count de Schlick near Paſſau.

From the Imperial Camp at Stolhoffen, *April* 23. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* having received Advice on the 17th Inſtant, at night, That the Marſhal *de Villars* was marching with his whole Army to attack our Lines, he cauſed moſt of the Troops which were on the other ſide of the *Rhine*, particularly the *Dutch* Auxiliaries, to paſs the next day over the Bridge at *Lauterbourg*, and to march into the Lines; The Enemy advanced at the ſame time towards us, and the next day having raiſed ſeveral Batteries, they began to Cannonade us, though with little Effect. On the 20th the Enemy preparing to attack us on the ſide of the Plain of *Biehl*, Major-General *Goor*, with the *Dutch* Battalions, was ſent thither, and prevented the Enemy, by poſting himſelf on a riſing Ground, where-at they deſigned to poſſeſs themſelves: This obliged the Enemy to alter the Diſpoſition of their Attack; yet after all they found our Men in ſo good a Poſture, that they did not think fit to attempt a Paſſage that way. The 21ſt we were reinforced by the Count *de Leinengen*, with 5 Squadrons of Horſe of the Elector Palatine's Forces. Yeſterday about 3 in the morning General *Thungen* arrived here with ſeveral Troops of Dragoons, and about 7 the Enemy began to ply us very warmly with their Cannon. We have received Advice, That Count *Proſper* of *Furſtemberg*, who commands the Forces which are employed to guard the Paſſes of the *Black Foreſt*, has charged ſome Trooos which were in the Enemy's Rear, and obliged them to retire to the main Body of their Army.

Heidelberg, April 24. According to the freſheſt Accounts from our Army near *Stolhoffen*, the *French* were Cannonading our Lines; and the two Armies were ſo near, that we expect every moment to hear of an Engagement.

Francfort, April 26. Yeſterday we had Advice, That the Marſhal *de Tallard*'s Army was advanced into the Valley of *Kintzig*, and had endeavoured to poſſeſs himſelf of ſome advantageous Poſts there, but was attacked by the Forces commanded by the Count of *Furſtemberg*, and obliged to retire with the Loſs of many of his Men, and 4 Pieces of Cannon; And laſt night an Expreſs brought us the welcome News, That the *French* Army commanded by the Marſhal *de Villars* having ſeveral times attempted to ſtorm our Lines, was beat back with conſiderable Loſs; and it is ſaid they are retired towards the Fort of *Kehl*.

Hamburgh, April 27. The Troops of Holſtein, which are to enter into the Service of the States General, will begin their March the 10th of the next Month. Letters from Marienbourg give an Account, That the King of Poland had cauſed the Sieur Beuchling, his Chancellor for the Electorate of Saxony, and ſeveral other of his Miniſters, to be impriſoned; but the reaſon was not yet known. The King of Sweden came to Warſaw the 14th Inſtant, and has ſince been ſeveral times in Conference with the Cardinal Primate, and the Princes Sapieha; and the Swediſh Forces were advancing towards Thoorn. However, if we may credit the Advices from Dantzick, they were not yet without hopes of a Peace between Sweden and Poland.

From the Camp of the Allies before Bon, *April* 27. The Town of *Bon* and the Fort on the other ſide of the *Rhine* were inveſted the 17th Inſtant, by about 40 Squadrons of Horſe, under the Command of Lieutenant-General *Buleau*, part whereof had been cantoned ſome weeks in the neighbouring Villages, in order to hinder the Excurſions of the Gariſon. The next day his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* having dined at *Cologne* with the Biſhop of *Ruab*, who conducted him ſome diſtance out of the City, came hither in the evening, being accompanied by Monſieur *d'Obdam*, General of the Horſe. Moſt of the Foot which is to be employed in the Siege was arrived ſome hours before. General *Coehoorn* is likewiſe here, and the great Artillery from *Holland* is haſtening up the *Rhine*; ſo that we expect to open the Trenches in 3 or 4 days. The Town has fired very little ſince our being here; but they have burnt ſome Houſes near their Outworks, as they attempted yeſterday to do a ſmall Village, wherein a Party of our Men was poſted, who obliged the Enemy to retire with the Loſs of their commanding Officer and two of the Men. The Elector Palatine is expected this evening or to morrow at a Seat his Electoral Highneſs has at *Siegberg*, about two Leagues off, on the other ſide of the River, where he deſigns to continue during the Siege. Letters juſt now come in by Expreſs from Prince *Lewis*'s Army near *Biehl*, dated the 25th Inſtant, tell us, That the Marſhal *de Villars*, after having attempted for 6 days together to force his Highneſs's Lines, and after ſeveral ſharp Attacks, had been obliged to retire, and was then drawing off his Cannon.

Paris, April 27. A Letter from the *French* Army, dated near *Biehl* the 21ſt Inſtant, ſaid to be writ by the Marſhal *de Villars* himſelf, gives an Account, That they had been ever ſince the 19th in ſight of the Prince of *Baden*'s Army, which continued in their Lines, being very well intrenched with unpaſſable Fens on their Right, and inacceſſible Mountains on their Left, where they had poſted ſome Troops; That in hopes of getting into the *German* Lines by the way of thoſe Mountains, the Marquis *de Blainville* was ſent with 25 Battalions, to poſt himſelf on another Mountain higher than thoſe whereon the *German* Forces ſtood; but it was found impracticable to advance from thence to the *Germans* without expoſing the *French* Forces to too great a Hazard; That the Marſhal *de Tallard* was marching with the Army under his Command towards *Stolhoffen* and *Lichteneau*, with intent to oblige the Prince of *Baden* to detach part of his Forces, in order to make head againſt him; That in the mean time the two Armies were Cannonading each other; and that the *German* Army was 20000 ſtrong, and daily received freſh Reinforcements. Other Advices from our Army, and from *Straſbourg*, repreſent the Enemy to be 25000 ſtrong, provided with a vaſt Train of Artillery, and their Intrenchments ſo well covered with Redoubts and other Works, that it was impoſſible to come at them; and by all the Judgment which ſeveral old Officers who have ſerved in thoſe Parts are able to make, this Attempt is full of Danger and Difficulty, and the Succeſs very dubious; which puts us in great Expectations of Letters from thence.

Hague, May 1. *N. S.* On the 29th paſt an Officer arrived here from Prince Lewis of Baden's Camp near Biehl, being ſent Expreſs by Major-General Goor, Commander in Chief of the Dutch Forces there, with the

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